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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

SKEIKY et al.

Application No.: 09/597,796

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For: FUSION PROTEINS OF  
MYCOBACTERIUM TUBERCULOSIS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 25, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition to extend time to response for one month, from November 25, 2004, to December 25, 2004, is filed herewith:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.